

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they get all of this money and the player cannot get one red cent, and I think it is grossly unfair, grossly unjust, and this is merely one more part added to the altar of Big Red football at which the fanatics in Nebraska worship. So if they want to show their idolatry by riding around with these plates, and that's what you all are going to do, I'm not going to try to stop you on a technicality by running out the time. I will try to persuade you which I know cannot be done when we're talking about religion. You don't reason yourself to a belief in religion, so I cannot reason you away from it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator. Senator Brashear, yours is the only light on. Would you like to close?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, notwithstanding or maybe particularly with reference to Senator Chambers' very strong feelings on this subject, I want to express again my appreciation for his allowing this bill to proceed on an expedited basis. I also want to acknowledge gratefully, Senator Wehrbein, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, prioritizing this bill. I will not take long. I think a projected interest by 30,000 people in this project is noteworthy. I know...I think that that's a conservative estimate and hope that we will greatly exceed that. After all, 40,000 people wanted to buy tickets to the Fiesta Bowl. I do believe sincerely that this is a win-win situation. I'm very proud of the allocation of the first \$5 million to...to be spent directly for the benefit of scholarships to athletes in need who have expended their eligibility at the University of Nebraska, and to enhance the tutorial assistance for athletes throughout the recipient colleges and universities. I believe we are doing a good thing here and would urge the adoption of the...the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body is, shall LB 1264 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Instead of waiting for the roll to be called up yonder, I want a roll call vote down here.